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ENCOURAGING CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY
OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DWI DRUNK PREVENTION TECHNOLOGY.

WHEREAS, the legislature continues to be concerned with
New Mexico's persistent high rate of DWI incidents; and

WHEREAS, the alcohol and gaming division of the regulation
and licensing department may be able to provide staffing and
convene a task force to research and resolve several specific
issues related to reducing the rates of DWI incidents on New
Mexico's roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, such a task force could benefit the state through
a study of the feasibility of implementing DWI drunk prevention
technology, using driver's licenses to register electronically
the amount and type of alcoholic liquor purchased by the holder
of a driver's license from a business that sells or serves

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1 alcohol; and

2 WHEREAS, as part of the study the task force should review
3 and assess other states' existing DWI drunk prevention
4 technology compared with New Mexico's; and

5 WHEREAS, the task force could also determine the fiscal
6 impact, including the impact on applicable insurance rates,
7 resulting from implementation of new DWI drunk prevention
8 technology, including the impact on state and local government
9 law enforcement and regulatory agencies, on businesses that
10 sell or serve alcohol to the public and on New Mexico
11 residents; and

12 WHEREAS, the task force could also collaborate with the
13 taxation and revenue department to review incentives the state
14 could provide to liquor licensees to implement DWI drunk
15 prevention technology;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
17 OF NEW MEXICO that the alcohol and gaming division of the
18 regulation and licensing department be encouraged to contract
19 for technological assistance and expertise to create and staff
20 a task force on the feasibility of implementing DWI drunk
21 prevention technology in New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be chaired by
23 the director of the alcohol and gaming division of the
24 regulation and licensing department or the director's designee;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the task force be
2 encouraged to include on the task force the director of the
3 motor vehicle division of the taxation and revenue department
4 or the director's designee, the chief of the traffic safety
5 bureau of the department of transportation, the secretary of
6 public safety or the secretary's designee, a representative of
7 the New Mexico sheriffs' and police associations and seven
8 members appointed by the governor; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be encouraged to
10 appoint seven task force members, among them at least one
11 representative from the New Mexico restaurant association, the
12 New Mexico retail association, mothers against drunk driving
13 and the New Mexico DWI resource center; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the director of the alcohol and gaming division
16 of the regulation and licensing department, the chief of the
17 traffic safety bureau of the department of transportation, the
18 secretary of public safety, the New Mexico sheriffs'
19 association and New Mexico police association and the governor.